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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO ON THREE MAJOR PROJECTS

REF: (A) STATE 153356 (B) ALGIERS 1652

1. STRONG AND VARIED TWELVE MAN TEAM PUT TOGETHER BY SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL MET WITH GHEDIRI LAST WEEK ON ALGERIAN ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS. THIS WAS THIRD SESSION FOR SKIDMORE WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY ARE IN FINAL GROUP. MOREOVER SKIDMORE IS ONLY FIRM BIDDING ON ALL THREE PROJECTS--HOSPITALS IN ALGIERS AND IN CONSTANTINE AND THE UNIVERSITY AT BLIDA. HOPE IS THAT FOR ALL THREE PROJECTS VALUED AT SOME 350 MILLION, SKIDMORE CAN REDUCE ITS FEES A BIT. SKIDMORE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR CHANCES AND WILL BE BACK SEPTEMBER 5 FOR MORE MEETINGS WITH GHEDIRI.

2. USINT HAS PICKED UP RUMORS THAT UNIVERSITY IS GOING TO BRAZILIANS AND ONE HOSPITAL TO JAPANESE. SKIDMORE HAS BEEN WARNED AND IS BEING CAREFUL NOT TO HAND ALGERIANS A LOT OF FREE DESIGN WORK.

3. SKIDMORE DID NOT BID ON NEW CITY PROJECT, BUT PLANS TO MEET WITH COMEDOR IN SEPTEMBER. IT WILL ALSO LOOK AT AIRPORT TERMINAL PREQUALIFICATION OFFER.

4. USINT HAS RECEIVED GARBLED TELEX FROM SERT JACKSON ASSOCIATES IN WATERTOWN, MASS, TELEX 922471, ASKING ABOUT STATUS THEIR OFFER ON UNIVERSITY AT BLIDA.

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REQUEST MAJOR PROJECTS CALL SERT AND INFORM HIM THAT

MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION WILL NOT COMMENT ON
STATUS OF BIDS. OTHER SOURCES INDICATE SELECTION
PROCESS HAS NARROWED APPLICANTS FROM OVER 120 TO
LESS THAN A DOZEN. NO WORD IS DISCOURAGING BUT AT BEST
IT SEEMS NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.
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